# BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

IN THE MATTER OF:	Case Nos.: DO-14-0226A and DO-14-031/A
TRAVIS STIEGLER, D.O. Holder of License No. 005517	) CONSENT AGREEMENT AND INTERIM ORDER FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION

For the practice of osteopathic medicine in the

State of Arizona

# **INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") and Travis Stiegler, D.O. ("Respondent"), the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the stipulated Interim Findings of Fact, Interim Conclusions of Law and Interim Order ("Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.
- 2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.
- 3. This Interim Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 4. Respondent admits to the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained in the Interim Consent Agreement and Order.
- 5. This Interim Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary action against Respondent.

- 6. This Interim Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of this or other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction. The acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this State from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement,
- 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties,
- 8. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to the Board's website.
- 9. If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.
- 10. If the Board does not adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, (1) Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Interim Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense; and (2) the Board will not consider content of this Interim Consent Agreement as an admission by Respondent.

REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED THIS 2 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

Travis Stiegler, D.O.

## JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

- 1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq. to regulate the licensing and practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent holds license No. 005517 issued by the Board to practice as an osteopathic physician.

## **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

- On November 21, 2015, Respondent appeared before the Board at an Investigative Hearing regarding allegations made in complaint numbers DO-14-0226A and DO-14-0317.
- 2. Based on Respondent's testimony during the Investigative Hearing, the Board became concerned that Respondent has and continues to focus his practice on areas for which he has not received training, including pain management and addiction medicine. Based on Respondent's testimony and the information the Board reviewed, it appears Respondent has excessively over-prescribed controlled substances for numerous patients. In addition, Respondent has prescribed or administered testosterone in a manner that is below the community standard.
- 3. Based on the Board's concerns and the testimony and information presented during the Investigative Hearing, the Board determined that additional information is necessary to adjudicate these matters and requested Respondent to enter into an interim consent agreement for a practice restriction pending the Board's receipt and review of the additional information.
  - 4. The Board will continue the Investigative Hearing at a future Board meeting.

### INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, *et seq*. the Board has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in this matter.
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described in the Interim Findings of Fact above, if proven true, constitute unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1854:

- (6) Engaging in the practice of medicine in a manner that harms or may harm a patient or that the board determines falls below the community standard.
- (38) Any conduct or practice that endangers a patient's or the public's health or may reasonably be expected to do so.

#### **INTERIM ORDER**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board, and based upon the Interim Findings of Fact and Interim Conclusions of Law, THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That effective the date of this Agreement, TRAVIS STIEGLER, D.O. is placed on a practice restriction that prohibits him from prescribing any controlled substances including suboxone. In addition, Respondent shall not execute written certifications or recommendations for medical marijuana. Further, Respondent is prohibited from directing any health care practitioner who is supervised, employed by or contracted with Respondent from prescribing any of these medications until the Board continues its Investigative Hearing and issues a final decision or order in these matters.
- 2. Respondent agrees to discontinue practicing in the areas of chronic pain and addiction medicine.
- 3. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.
- 4. Any violation of this Interim Consent Agreement and Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action and or referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.



ISSUED THIS DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015. STATE OF ARIZONA
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

By:

Jenna Jones, Executive Director

Original filed this  $8^{-1}$  day of December, 2015, with the:

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